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## “Climate Innovation Network: Dialogue on Climate Adaptation Actions and Community Practices Sharing in Lancang-Mekong Countries” was Successfully Concluded

On April 26, 2023, the “Climate Innovation Network: Climate Adaptation Actions and Community Practices Sharing in Lancang-Mekong Countries” was successfully held at UNICEF China as one of the 2023 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Week series of events. The conference was organized by the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center (LMEC) / the Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China (hereinafter referred to as “the Center”) under the support of UNICEF and Oxfam.



Ms. Sae-Ryo KIM, senior advisor of UNICEF Public Partnerships Section, regards the climate crisis as a child rights crisis that affects children’s ability to access social services such as health care, nutrition and clean water, which has a direct bearing on children’s survival and healthy growth. To this end, UNICEF China has partnered with the Center to establish the Climate Innovation Network, which encourages young people to take innovative climate actions and enhance their capacity to address climate change.



Representatives from the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center (LMEC) reviewed the history of cooperation between LMEC and UNICEF. It is reiterated in the speech that the universal risks of climate change require Lancang-Mekong Countries to join forces and bring in multiple stakeholders, including UN agencies and community members, to explore innovative solutions to address the challenges of climate change.



Lomkham Asanavong, director-general of the Natural Resource and Environment Research Institute under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) of Laos, shared his country's practical experience in climate adaptation, including adopting nature-based solutions to enhance urban resilience, delineating a national climate change vulnerability map, promulgating a national adaptation plan and integrating climate change adaptation into provincial economic and social development plans.



Delegates engaged themselves in a lively discussion on climate-friendly regional policy dialogues, regional climate resilience and the improvement of community livelihood. Climate adaptation policies and actions in the Mekong countries are shared in the discussion in explorations on how to promote community response to climate risks and enhance community livelihoods through climate adaptation policies. Delegates unanimously agreed to strengthen cooperation and exchanges on climate adaptation in the Lancang-Mekong region and guide more people, including youth, to participate in climate adaptation practices, so as to enhance the region's capacity in climate change adaptation and enable socially inclusive and resilient growth through joint efforts.

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